

CONVENTION HALL FOR PETERSBURG

Movement to Combine Appropriations for Armory With Public Subscriptions.

ELECTRIC POWER CUT OFF

Serious Inconvenience Caused by Washout in Canal Which Feeds Power Plant.

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Petersburg, Va., December 14.—It is probable that Petersburg will soon have an armory and convention hall. It is proposed to combine the appropriation for an armory with a fund to be raised by private subscription, and erect a convention hall and armory as a memorial to the soldiers of Petersburg. The plans are not yet perfected, but will soon be put in shape to be presented to the people, and it is hoped and expected that the scheme will meet with the support that it deserves. It is understood that a number of citizens, appreciating the need of such a building, have expressed willingness to contribute liberally to the fund to secure it.

Washout Causes Inconvenience.
The washout yesterday in the canal which feeds the big power plant of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, in Dinwiddie County, a short distance west of the city, stopped the operation of that plant, and caused serious inconveniences in the city to those dependent on electric power and lights. The break was caused by the washout of a trestle, and was of serious character and extent. The company's original plant in the city, however, was steamed up, and gave much relief. After a short interruption the cars, which had stopped in the streets, were started running again. The city, however, was in partial darkness last night, and in stores and dwellings where electric lights were in use gas, oil lamps and even candles were brought into temporary requisition. The company has promptly put a large force to work to repair the damage and restore the canal to its proper condition, and two or three days may be required to do this. Meanwhile, the water is cut off from the canal by the closing of the gates at the river.

Two Small Fires.

Fire was discovered yesterday afternoon in the ceiling of the basement of the residence of the Rev. Lewis M. Roper, D. D., on Adams Street, which had caught on a girder extending into the chimney. Dr. Roper has a hose attached to the boiler of his steam-heating plant, and by its use was able to extinguish the fire before much damage had been done. Chief Roper subsequently used his chemical apparatus to prevent any further danger. This fire occurred at night, it is thought that much damage would have resulted.

Late last evening fire caught from a stove in a house on Short Market Street owned by Willis Gilliam and occupied by Mary Jackson, colored. It was extinguished by the department with chemicals, and the damage was small.

High School Patrons' Day.

The annual patrons' day exercises at the Petersburg High School will be held next Wednesday afternoon, at which time will be celebrated the formal opening of the new school library, which was obtained for the pupils through the efforts of the Petersburg Education Association, teaching



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ers and friends in and out of the city. The address on the occasion will be delivered by Dr. J. C. Metcalf, professor of English at Richmond College.

Fire in Prince George.

Two barns and a stable on the farm of Adolph Myster, in Prince George, about twelve miles from Petersburg, were destroyed by fire yesterday by fire of accidental origin. The stock and cattle on the farm were saved, but a large quantity of provender and feed in the barns were burned. There was only light insurance on the buildings.

Death in Ettrick.

Mrs. Amelia H. Rowlette, aged twenty-nine years, wife of Arthur L. Rowlette, well known and much esteemed, died this morning about 1 o'clock at her home on Lee Street, Ettrick, after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband and mother, three brothers and three sisters, viz., B. T. Rowlette, Mrs. J. E. and H. C. Rowlette, Mrs. W. W. Lafon, Mrs. I. W. Nolly and Mrs. William Simonson, all of Ettrick.

Sales of Tobacco.

Sales of loose tobacco at the warehouse this week amounted to \$48,859, making the aggregate sales for the season to date 1,289,735 pounds. Prices ruling during the week were \$4 to \$17, with no very fine grades offered. The quality of the crop this year

is below that of the average, an occurrence of the severe drought of last summer.

To Be Tried for Burglary.

Gus Neal, the negro desperado, whose plot to break out of jail in this city was recently discovered and foiled, will be taken to Dinwiddie, probably on Monday, to be tried for burglary. Neal may also be tried for breaking out of the jail in that county last summer. He is boastful that no jail can hold him long.

General News Notes.

Five cases of incipient smallpox have been discovered in a family of colored people on Shore Street who recently came here from Sussex County. The premises have been quarantined and all precautions taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Arrangements for the Parades Post System.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gilliam, Jr., returned to the city to-day from their bridal trip.

FOUND DEAD BY TRACK.

H. F. Pinkard, probably Struck and Killed by Train.

Fredericksburg, Va., December 14.—H. F. Pinkard, of lower Fauquier County, was found dead a few mornings ago by the side of the railroad track, and it is supposed he was struck by a train, resulting in his death. He was thirty-four years old, and is survived by his mother, two sisters and three brothers.

A Catholic chapel will be built in Caroline County near Woodside by the Slavish people who have settled in that community. There are about twenty-five families in the neighborhood. Money for the chapel is furnished by the Catholic Church Extension Society, with offices in Chicago. Rev. Joseph M. Ferris, of St. Mary's Catholic Church, this city, is taking a great interest in the movement to build the chapel, and he will render every assistance in his power.

FLIGHTS AT CULPEPER.

Aviator Gray and Miss Jack Stearns in Air for Fourteen Minutes. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Culpeper, Va., December 14.—Aviator Gray made four successful flights here to-day, in one of which he was accompanied by Miss Jack Stearns, of Culpeper, the first Virginia woman aviator. This flight was of about fourteen minutes' duration, while the other three were from ten to twenty minutes each in duration and reaching an altitude of 2,000 feet. Large crowds witnessed the interesting exhibition.

Goes for Fugitive City Treasurer



John H. Cook, clerk of the Corporation Court of Danville, who left that city on Friday afternoon for New York, from which place he sailed on the following day for Buenos Ayres, the capital of the Argentine Republic, in order to bring back fugitive City Treasurer William S. Paylor, who left Danville on July 17 and embezzled the State out of \$9,000. Mr. Cook expects to arrive back in Danville during the first week in February.

LAST OF ALLENS BROUGHT HERE

Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards Now Lodged in the Penitentiary.

WILL BE ASSIGNED WORK

Two Outlaws to Be Put at Regular Occupation in Prison Factory.

Sullen with desperation, but unbroken in their wild spirit, Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, the last of the murderous mountain clan to be served the punishment of law, began the first day of their many years in the State Penitentiary yesterday with heads close cropped and in convict stripes. Henceforward to the expiration of their wearisome terms of penal servitude, Sidna for thirty-five and Wesley for twenty-seven years, the two outlaws will cease to be Alleens and become numbers, executing the stern discipline of the daily penitentiary routine.

It is probable that Major J. B. Wood, superintendent of the penitentiary, will not decide for several days into what workshop of the big prison the two men are to be put. According to the penitentiary routine, the two men were booked on their arrival, relieved of all ordinary clothing and placed temporarily in the "detention cell." They will remain there until an examination has been made by the prison physician and the superintendent decide upon what work they are best fitted to do. Numbers will be assigned them later.

Without any word of their intended arrival having reached the city in advance, Sidna and Wesley stepped off the Roanoke train in the Byrd Street Station yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The two men were under the care of Guard R. R. Penn, of the penitentiary force, who conveyed the other four Alleens now "on the hill" from Roanoke here. Before the people in the train shed had realized that the two big men in shackles were the most desperate of the Allen clan, they had been taken in charge by the waiting guards, hauled into the prison carriage and whirled away to the penitentiary.

Quiet on Trip.

Before dawn yesterday morning, Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards were aroused by their guards in the Roanoke jail and told to prepare themselves for the trip to Richmond. Although obviously sullen and dejected, they made ready for what was to be their last train ride for many years. Both were allowed to shave and don new linen. Roanoke had been kept in ignorance as to the removal of the prisoners, and scarcely anyone was present to see the two desperadoes board the train.

On the way down, said Guard Penn, the two men were quiet and thoughtful, and little disposed to conversation. They gradually came out of their sullen humor, and at one time chatted with Penn of their adventures following the shooting up of the Carroll County court. Neither man showed any disposition to make trouble for the escort and obeyed his orders unhesitatingly. They seemed oppressed by the realization of what

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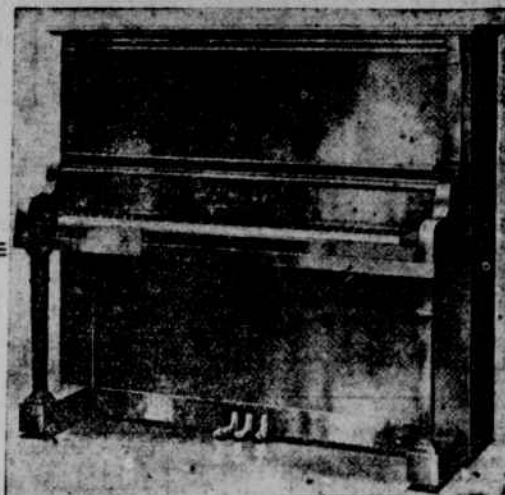
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they were coming to as the train to the destination, and conversation lagged. Both men wrote letters, Wesley inscribing a lengthy epistle to Miss Maude Iroer, the Rocky Mount girl who unwittingly brought about his capture.

Six Alleens in Pen.

In view of the fact that Superintendent Wood now has in his keeping six members of the clan that have once displayed their absolute desperation and disregard for consequences, he is facing a problem in the distribution of the men over the penitentiary in such a manner that they will have little opportunity to communicate with each other in private, and to perhaps devise plans for a jail delivery.

Floyd and Claude, of course, are off his hands for the time being, having been incarcerated in the death cells, under the eye of a guard night and day.

As all able-bodied prisoners are required to work in the shops, Major Wood must find employment for the husky mountaineers. Sidna Edwards, serving a term of eighteen years, has been working in the cutting room of the shoe factory for several months. Friel Allen, the youngest member of the clan, who is serving a fifteen-year sentence, is also in the shoe factory, but employed in the fitting room. Whether Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards are to go to the shoe factory or the box factory has not been determined, but in either case they will be put at work which will keep them separated from each other and from

the two now employed in the shoe factory.

Practically the only conversation of the trip to Richmond was in regard to the travels of Sidna and Wesley after the shooting. The two men were bitter in their attitude toward the court officers and the Baldwin detectives, although seemingly harboring no grudge against the penitentiary authorities.

"IT HAPPENED IN POTSDAM"

Two performances "at the Academy of Music" yesterday of "It Happened in Potsdam," constituted the yearly visitation of that "German singing comedian." Al H. Wilson, whose advent is hailed with delight by those whose tastes are sufficiently civilized to enable them to sit through one of his performances without either weeping

or sleeping. Annual Al's play this season has Potsdam for its scene of action, thus allowing the star to appear in various near-Turkish costumes most appropriate for wear in a German city. Otherwise, there is little change, except that the company is, if possible, a little weaker than usual. Still, he will hardly be back before next season. W. D. G.

Fined for Carrying Pistol.

Melvin Garrison, colored, was fined \$25 yesterday by Magistrate T. J. Puryear, of Henric County, on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. He was also sentenced to pay a fine of \$5 for shooting on the public highway. Joe Banks, a second negro, who was said to be the object of Garrison's assault, was placed under a peace bond of \$100 for six months, in default of which he was remanded to jail.

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